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## INSURANCES.

TUESDAY, 6th June.

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/10  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 3/10  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/10  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/10  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/10  
ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand ..... 4/8  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 4/00  
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight ..... 2/28  
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight ..... 2/28  
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight ..... 7/28  
Private 30 days' sight ..... 7/3  
SHARES.  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—118 per cent. premium.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,625 per share, or dividend.  
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,625 per share.  
North China Insurance—The 1,225 per share or dividend.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—The 870 per share.  
Chinese Insurance Company—\$250 per share.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—The 14 per share.  
Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$30 per share.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$250 per share.  
China Insurance Company's Shares—\$200 per share.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—52 per cent. premium.  
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$250 per share premium.  
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—3 per cent. premium.  
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$83 per share.  
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$102 per share.  
China Sino Refining Company, Limited—\$120 per share.  
China Sino Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent. premium.  
Liaon Sino Refining Company, Limited—\$120 per share.  
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$131 per share.  
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$60 per share.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874—\$100 Nominal.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1877—\$107 Nominal.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—2 per cent. prem.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—2 per cent. prem.

## HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

From Messrs. FALCONER & Co.'s Register.

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## EXTRACTS.

## THE OLD LETTER.

Crushing over the fire with wan check and whitened hair, And sank eyes, on the embers fixed with a dull unseeing stare. Creaching over the fire, the weaner, worn and old, With a smirking smile on the letter that troubled her in her bed.

Outside, the gale beats fast and thick on the unresisting plain. The wind soul round the lonely house, as it sweeps the snow-laden plain.

Inside, the ghosts of joy, and hope, and fears Fly and whisper round the woman who sits beside the heart.

Yet the magic spell of the letter has sent her fancies back.

Flying fast past all the graves that mark the past's long track.

Flying fast and sorrow, flying past wrong.

Till the heart beats fast, and the pulses thrill, to the passionate glow of youth.

Ah, dolor still her life will show, harder the task-work soon; For that heat by fancy masked-for memory's golden dream.

But for that heat, let it share the slow and aro sleep; Patient and mild take up again the burden of the day.

## A TAME ALLIGATOR.

"You saw that item in one of the papers about that young alligator, I reckon," said a Gravestend man, capturing a city editor by the buttonhole, and drawing him into the doorway. "You know the paper said it was the 'fash'able thing to do." "I don't remember. Perhaps it did. What of it?" asked the city editor. "I tried it," said the Gravestend man. "A friend of mine brought me one from America, and I'm taming that alligator for the children to play with." How does the experiment come along?" asked the city editor. "I don't know about the experiment; the alligator is thriving." He was six weeks old when I got him two months ago, and now he's seven years old. People in our part say he's all the alligator I'll ever need."

"Well it's here. When he came he was a sportive little ous, and just wabbled round friendly. He was—easily mouth, and we used to feed him for the fun of seein' him eat. Now, we skinned around when we see him comin' for the fun of seein' him hungry." "Is he dangerous?" asked the city editor. "I walked mid-roads everywhere. My soul was languid with their breath; The faint risk afoe that foible threshold. Went sick to do more done death."

In the next verse she walks in "dusky glades," which, in spite of their darkness, were "thick-gunned and decked" with budding gold and flowering snow," so that it is not easy to conceive how they came to be dusky, the more especially as in the third verse we are told that in the said glades—"the amber rose of youth" called down Aurora for its guest." The postes, with her "forever, lusty hands, plucks the roses and wreaths them in her "spanned hair," but is called to a sudden halt by a "rush of fear" and a "pain newborn." All the white rose, "blanched with blies," peeped out from many a sacred bower and in its immediate vicinity the moss rose, which may stand as symbol of Miss Parnell, "blushed with maiden shame." The postes, with her "forever, lusty hands, plucks the roses and wreaths them in her "spanned hair," but is called to a sudden halt by a "rush of fear" and a "pain newborn." All the white rose, "blanched with blies," peeped out from many a sacred bower and in its immediate vicinity the moss rose, which

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We have seen somewhat of Lord Alfred as a soldier, politician, and officer of the Queen's Household; but he is a many-sided man, and, being of energetic disposition, has taken a hand in many commercial enterprises. He was, with Mr. Louis Bierstadt, one of the earliest directors of the Electric and International Telegraph Company; he is still a director of the Eastern Telegraph Company, has always taken the greatest interest in rail way construction and development. With his friend the Duke of Sutherland, he has often ridden upon an engine, and has always been very fond of concerning improvements in the machinery of locomotion. His great practical experience as a yachtsman may have helped to develop this particular taste, but it certainly dates from a very early period of his yachting career.

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"There's my son's wife, too. She's part alligator now. He eat her up a week ago; and the boy, hasn't got over his arm yet. The alligator got the arm too." "Great Scott!" ejaculated the city editor. "Oh, yes! It's live down there. When he puts himself up, he's business." He's the lightest alligator for a tame one you ever saw. When we first got him we used him for a tack hammer, drew nails with him, but now he is the head of the family except paying the rent. When there is any mysterious disappearance around Gravestend, he comes right into the house, same's any of us, and keeps himself. He's got that heel," and the Gravestend man pointed to a maimed foot.

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